GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
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OPERATION OF FOREIGN AIRLINES
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a): the number of foreign airlines operating in India;

(b): whether there are some foreign airlines operating without demanding Air India`s right to fly to that country;

(c): if so, the details thereof?

(d): whether the Government has permitted co-landings to some International Airlines, and

(e): if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a), (b) & (c): Traffic rights for operation of international air services are specified in our bilateral Air Services Agreements concluded with various countries on reciprocal basis. However, actual utilization of these traffic rights are guided by the commercial judgement of the concerned airlines. At present, 64 foreign airlines of 50 countries are operating to/from India, out of which 25 foreign airlines of 25 countries are providing unilateral operations. The Indian scheduled carriers, viz., Air India, Indian, Jet Airways and Air Sahara are operating together to 28 foreign countries, out of which they are providing unilateral operations to 3 countries.

(d) & (e): The Government has granted co-landing facility without cabotage rights to the designated airlines of Turkmanistan on Amritsar - Delhi sector and to the designated airline of Sri Lanka on Gaya - Delhi sector.